(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार को अब तक इस संबंध में कोई शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई है ; और

(ङ) क्या सरकार पर्यवेक्षक तथा अन्य सभी कर्मचारियों के विरुद्ध कार्यवाही करने का एवं उन्हें तत्काल स्थानांतरित करने का विचार रखती है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी0के0 जाफर शरीफ) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) और (घ) इस प्रकार की कोई घटना नोटिस में नहीं आई है ।

(ङ) संसद भवन बुकिंग कार्यालय में तैनात कर्मचारियों को समय-समय पर स्थानांतरित किया जाता है ।

Movement of trucks on Railway tracks

1264. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been studying a proposal to utilise spare time on railway tracks for movement of trucks carrying goods across the country, to help save fuel and reduce foreign debt burden; and

(b) if so, what are the broad features of the proposals and what decisions if any, has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) (a) and (b) A proposal has been received from private party for movement of loaded trucks on flat wagons over the Railway system. The proposal envisages that the party will own its terminals and design and supply its own flats and locomotives for carrying the trucks. Party has been advised to furnish details about the location of terminals, technical details of the flat wagon, originating and destination points etc Decision can be taken after the party furnishes full details.

Public complaints against Railways

1265. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the public complaints against the Railways are mounting on one count or the other;

(b) the number of complaints received by the Railways, from the public and the Member of Parliament in each of the last three years and the ones that appeared in the newspapers; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) (a) to (c) There has been decreasing trend in public complaints from 22823 in 1991-92 to 21080 in 1992-93 and to 20805 in 1993-94. Whenever, complaints are received through M.Ps, general public newspapers etc. these are thoroughly investigated and necessary action is taken to prevent recurrance of the same.

Setting up of locoshed at Azimganj

1266 SHRI JOYANTA RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) under what circumstances Government wound up the locoshed and the Workshop at Azimganj under Howrah Division (Eastern Railway) and whether Government have any scheme to utilised the vast tract of land on which these two were situated; and

(b) if so, whether Government have any scheme to set up any mini Diesel shed at Azimganj to take up the work of repairing of Diesel Engines running on the BAK Loop line as and when required?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) (a) In line with the Railways' policy to phase out steam locomotives steam locoshed at Azimganj was closed in 1986.

There was no workshop at Azimganj. The land is to be utilized for storage of Railway material.

(b) The three diesel sheds at Bardhwan, Andal & Malda Town which are in close vicinity of Azimganj are considered adequate to meet the maintenance requirement of diesel locomatives working on BAK loop section. There is, therefore, no justification for setting up a mini diesel shed at Azimganj.

Re-installation of bridge over river Bhagirathi at Azimgunj

1267. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a railway bridge over the river Bhagirathi at Azimgunj Junction under Eastern Railway connecting Sealdah-Lalgola section directly with the north-eastern part of the country during the second World War;

(b) if so, why was the bridge dislodged; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal pending for re-installation of the bridge for connecting Lalgola section with Azimgunj junction ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no such proposal.

Non-placement of order on wagon Industry

1268. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation under the leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal met the Prime Minister on 4th July, 1994 to highlight the issue of non-placement of orders on wagon Industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress, if any, made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Through a memorandum dated 4.7.94 submitted to Prime Minister, intervention was sought in the matter of placement of wagon orders.

(c) The Chief Minister of West Bengal has already been apprised of the current scenario of wagon procurement. Wagon procurement depends upon traffic needs Wagon availability is sufficient to meet the present requirements. The placement of further wagon orders can only be considered if so warranted by the traffic demands.

Vacant ports of SCs/STs

1269. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of posts reserved for SCs and STs lying vacant in the Western Railways at present; and

(b) the reasons for not filling up of these vacancies so far?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Build-own-lease-Transfer Scheme

1270. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Railways have identified several projects for private investment under the build-own-lease-transfer scheme; and

(b) if so, what are the details of such projects?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.